

REMARKS

Claims 24-25 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections over the various combinations of Davis et al (US 4,480,066), Takahashi et al (US 4,891,267), Davis et al (US 4,376,868), Orndorff, Jr. (US 4,331,496), and Beck (US 5,085,905). In addition, Applicants wish to acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claim 24 (and presumably Claim 25) would be allowable if the amendment herein above overcomes the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (written description). To this end, Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections.

The rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (written description), is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended Claim 24 herein above to conform the objectionable phrase "a linear shrinkage-controlling portion" to the specification. Specifically, Applicants have deleted the term "linear" from this phrase. In regard to the term "portion" and the relationship of this limitation to the claimed elastomeric article, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Figures 1-2 and the description provided at page 4, line 18 to page 5, line 9 of the specification. Figure 2, in particular, shows a perspective view of one example of an automobile window molding of the type presently claimed. In this window molding, a shrinkage-controlling portion, which is the shrinkage control material 10, is located buried inside the extrusion portion 20 of an elastomeric material such as EPDM rubber that is extruded in a prescribed sectional shape and vulcanised. The metal wire 12 and the elastomeric extrusion 20 are bonded through the adhesive layer 14 of the shrinkage control material 10.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submit that Claim 24, including the phrase previously objected to by the Examiner, finds full support and is adequately described in the specification. As such, this ground of rejection is no longer believed to be tenable.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.  
Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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